

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain present in this application.

The abstract and specification have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The abstract and specification stand objected to for certain informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been utilized, it is respectfully submitted that these objections have been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the specification and claims are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.


Because the prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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